

Editor

Be advised, there is a bogus "myPay" web site ' on the Internet. The bogus site is www.mypay.com. The bogus site is set up to resemble the official site, with terms like "LES" and "DFAS" listed on the left side as "Recent Searches." However, if you were to click on the "Loan" link, you would be taken to a payday loan vendor, giving them your personal information in the process. **Use only the official myPay website:** <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>

The commander has given the go ahead to begin airing the Baumholder Information Channel (BIC). The first sets of slides were transmitted last week. Conduct channels search on your television to begin receiving the new channel and information. If you can tune the frequencies on you television. The BIC can be found at frequency 67.250. Or, if you are able to tune your channels, it is viewable on channel AO4. The channel is viewable to all who have cable, and live in the Smith, Wetzel, Birkenfeld, Strassburg, and Neubrücke military and housing communities.

If there is anyone who would like to receive this by email simply drop me a line and I will add you to the distribution list. ted.m.preister@us.army.mil

CPT Ted M. Preister

BCT Rear-D Commander

HELLRAISERS

The Hellraisers conducted M16/M9 qualification on 16 and 18 September at 1-6IN McCleery Range. SGT Price and PV2 Woods qualified Expert on the M16 with PV2 Woods earning a perfect "one shot, one kill" score. 36 soldiers qualified over the two days, gaining much needed small arms practice.



Hellraiser soldiers "putting steel on target" at McCleery Range



A soldier's perspective of the target area; "Can you see the 300m target?"

The Hellraisers continue to perform superbly and morale is high. The company opened Internet Cafe # 1 on 28 Sept. For the past two weeks, soldiers have been really getting their first taste of high speed internet. The cafe has ten computers and is open to our soldiers 24 hours a day starting on 7 OCT 03. Internet Cafe #2 will be operational by 15 OCT 03. Cafe #2 will have 20 computers and will also be open 24 hours. This should help to further bridge the communication gap between families and soldiers as well as allow our soldiers to have better access to personal finances and information services.

The company continues to train hard to ensure that all new soldiers are ready to assume missions in a combat environment. The company conducted combat lifesaver recertification training with medics from 1-35 AR last week. This training ensures that our combat lifesavers still understand current techniques and procedures and also learn any new techniques unique to this environment.

The focus of this week is Driver's Training. Iraq poses three unique challenges to the driver. First, the heat creates greater wear and tear on the equipment which means that driver's really have to focus on Preventive Maintenance, Checks and Services (PMCS). Second, they have to deal with Iraqi drivers on the Highways. If you think the German Autobahn is chaotic, then just take away all the rules of the road and put drivers with cars manufactured in the late 70s and early 80s on the roads many of whom have had no formal drivers training and you have "an accident waiting to happen". To counter this, we are closely reviewing





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defensive driving techniques with all of the drivers and conducting a check ride with them to ensure that they know what to do if presented with an aggressive driver. The third and most dangerous challenge to the driver is the improvised explosive device (IED). These devices are typically placed in roadside locations where they can be remote detonated and cause maximum damage, killing or injuring our soldiers. We have developed procedures to locate and to minimize the damage these devices cause. By teaching our drivers these procedures, they will be safer out on missions.

Finally, the HHC, 2BCT Dining Facility will be complete on 15 OCT. This will be a completely winterized facility with a stereo system, TV with AFN and DVD player, and a full Kellogg, Brown, and Root service line. That should really improve our quality of life. I look forward to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the great KBR food.

Our soldiers here in Iraq deserve the best and are going to get the best. The Brigade Command Team and Staff, 1SG Bray and myself are committed to ensuring that soldiers and families are well taken care of during this difficult deployment. If there is anything we can do better please let the FRL SSG Pamela Robinson know or send me a direct e-mail.

HELLRAISER 6

CONQUERERS

For units in Baghdad, the reconstruction effort takes on many different forms. Coalition forces have not only set their sights on rebuilding structures and facilities damaged during the war, but also the repair of governing and representation systems necessary for the establishment of local government. The soldiers of A Company, 2-6 Infantry (Task Force 1-35 Armor) are currently aiding the reconstruction by supporting the Salhiya Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) in the re-election of Mukhtars for their neighborhood.

Mukhtars are neighborhood representatives, and have existed since before the fall of the old regime. They have a close relationship with the people of the neighborhoods they represent. This is largely due to their involvement in all major decisions and activities in their respective areas. Mukhtars are very familiar

with what goes on in the neighborhood and keep track of important events in the lives of the families in their area. All births were reported to the Mukhtars and before joining the military young men had to first register with them. They play the role of "village elders" and are consulted on many issues ranging from marriages to land disputes.

Under the old regime, the people were taken out of the election process, because Mukhtars were Ba'ath Party members appointed by the government to over watch activities in the neighborhood. Members of the Salhiya NAC expressed concerns about their current Mukhtars immediately after the NAC was organized in July. Many felt that the Mukhtars hired by the old regime were not fulfilling their duties. CPT Nauman, Company Commander of A/2-6 IN, acknowledged that this was a very important issue and agreed to work closely with the NAC to fix the problem. Since then, the NAC has met on several occasions to discuss a solution.

Soldiers attending NAC meetings attempt to let the people handle their own issues and assist the decision making process only when asked to do so. "We try to maximize or assistance while minimizing interference when dealing with the NAC on issues like electing new Mukhtars," says 2LT Jared Vineyard. 2LT Vineyard is the A/2-6 Civil- Military Operations Officer and accompanies the Company Commander to all NAC meetings. Developing their own solutions to different issues is proof that Iraqis are taking the reconstruction of their society to heart.

The idea of democratic elections of representatives is a new idea to many members of the NAC, but that fact did not hinder the members from forming their own plan of action. The NAC members established their own working committee of three individuals to focus solely on the election issue. At the September 28th NAC meeting, the committee presented a list of pre-requisites for any Mukhtar candidates. The council agreed that Mukhtars must be at least 40 years of age, have lived in the neighborhood for at least 10 years, have no criminal record and be nominated by a minimum of 30 neighborhood residents. The council also discussed voter eligibility, polling centers, and other administrative issues associated with the election. CPT Nauman suggested public speeches for candidates, so that





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not one candidate would have an advantage for campaigning. He also offered the support of US forces for disseminating information about the elections through the use of PA systems and flyers.

The meeting closed with the establishment of an administrative body for the election consisting of individuals from the NAC and the choosing of an election day. Several members of the NAC will continue to work on the administrative issues with support from A/2-6 and 1-35. The election date was set for Friday, October 18th, to allow maximum participation. To date, this is the first democratic election of this scale in all of Baghdad.

SPC Russell Re-enlists for 4 years

SPC Arles Russell is assigned to HHC 1-35 AR. As a member of TF 1-35 AR, SPC Russell is currently the driver for the Task Force Command Sergeant Major, CSM English. One of SPC Russell's duties is to ensure that CSM English maintains his hectic schedule throughout Central Baghdad. Despite the long hours and the monotonous job of being a driver, SPC Russell re-enlisted for four more years in the Army on 29 September 2003. 1st Lieutenant Ryan Bortnyk, the Executive Officer for HHC 1-35 AR, conducted the ceremony.

The benefits of re-enlistment were two-fold for SPC Russell. First, it opened up a door to a long and prosperous career. Second, it provides security to him and his family. SPC Russell plans to remain in the Army for at least 20 years and then retire. Some of his goals are to become a good leader, strive to be the best in everything he does. SPC Russell is scheduled to appear before the November promotion board, an early step toward achieving his goals.



SPC Russell arrived to 1-35 Armor December 28, 2000. He was initially assigned to Bravo Company, where he was assigned as a tank driver. About midway through his European tour, SPC Russell was reassigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company. While assigned to Headquarters Company, SPC Russell has held numerous positions in the Battalion TOC.

SPC Russell is married with two children. The newest addition to his family was the birth of a baby girl, Athena Marie. She was born on May 21, 2003, while SPC Russell was deployed to Central Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. When asked what inspired him to re-enlist, SPC Russell answered, "Because I want security for my family."

Congratulations to CPT Doboszinski and his wife, Christy, on the birth of a baby boy, named Benjamin, 7lbs. 1 oz., born on 4 Oct. CPT Doboszinski made it home from R & R just in time!

Birthdates

9 Oct Carlos Hern-Martinez

15 Oct DeAndre Chambers

Belated Anniversary wishes to:

2 Oct SSG Gary & Catherine Dooley

3 Oct CPT Richard & San Juanita Graves

1/35 Events:

- 1/35 Batalion FRG Meeting 14 Oct, 18:00 at the Wagon Wheel Theater
- Charlie Company 1/35 will be having a FRG meeting at the bowling alley on 21 October. 18:30.

GATORS

Some of the ladies have planned a **Pumpkin Patch Trip** for the families in the 2-6 BN. The schools will be out for Columbus day so there isn't a conflict with school and the trip!

In the past there was a corn maze for kids to run through (for a small fee) This year the maze might be available, depends on its condition after several school class trips have used it.

When: October 13, 2003

Where: Meet at McDonalds, and leave by 9am

Bring: Euros, mud friendly shoes or plastic bags to put over your good shoes and a camera!





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SSG Alejandro Garcia gives his soldiers final instructions before a mission

The St. Catherine de Siena Orphanage is a Catholic orphanage in eastern part of Baghdad. The orphanage is home to 30 children ranging in age from seven to seventeen. The children were homeless and taken in by the sisters of the St. Catherine de Siena Orphanage. To find oneself without a family must be a truly frightening experience. The children rescued by the Sisters of St. Catherine were saved from a life of abject poverty and pain. The children are well cared for and educated under the watchful eyes of the Catholic Nuns.

When the soldiers of the 2 Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment first discovered the Orphanage it was in desperate need of repairs. The classrooms were in poor condition and the water delivery system was exposed to the elements creating a deadly health hazard. If a meager habitat was not tough enough; the inhabitants of St. Catherine did not have consistent power due to faulty wiring and lacked fuel for their back-up generator.

Captain Redmond, Commander HHC 2-6 IN, quickly established a plan to improve the living conditions. The first priority was to get a power supply up and running. Several hundred gallons of diesel fuel was supplied to the orphanage for the generator and we were on the path to refurbishment. With power established repairs to the Orphanage could begin. Local contractors were acquired to assess the damage and the required repairs.

Armed with the contractor's estimates CPT Redmond submitted a CERP request to the U.S. Army and was granted the requested amount of 5,000.00 dollars. These funds would be used to replace broken windows, repair electrical wiring, replace doors, provide ten much needed air-conditioning units and build an enclosure for the water delivery system, in order to prevent disease.

With the repairs to the orphanage ongoing, the soldiers implemented a security plan. A Facilities Protection Service (FPS) guard was permanently posted at the gate and an OP established by the soldiers from the Gator Battalion so the children would be able to go to sleep under the watchful eyes of law-abiding citizens.



After almost two months of hard work, the repairs to the St. Catherine de Siena Orphanage were completed on 2 OCT 03. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the soldiers from 2-6 Infantry the future leaders of Iraq are on a path to prosper.

Congratulations to PV2 Lyda (B 2-6) and PFC Lyda (DIVARTY) on the birth of a baby girl, Aurora Rose Lyda, on 28 Sep 03. She weighed 7Lbs, 7oz and was 19 1/4 inches long. Both soldiers and Aurora are all doing fine.

REGULARS

The ladies of Bravo Company, 1-6 IN had been hard at work with the two fundraisers they had last week. Both fundraisers were a huge success, and proceeds from them will go towards making sure the soldiers in their company will be well taken care of, and not forgotten during the holidays.





Carla Federovich, Nikki Thornton, and Anastasia Whitmire are hard at work making breakfast burritos for one of their fundraisers.



Traci Watson and Sharon Baker work the concession stand at the tackle football games Youth Services had on Saturday. Their sons, Cody and Austin Watson, and Justin Baker are seen with Bravo Company's FRG Liaison, SSG Lawson.



Suzie Callan and her children (Hunter, Savannah, and Madison) stopped by one of the tackle football games to lend their support to the company's fundraiser.

In their continuing effort to keep the enemy off balance the Regulars trained and experimented with different patterns of mission accomplishment. New

methods of operation give them a chance to experience a different way of operating on the battlefield. These new opportunities not only break up the monotony, but also help increase the safety of the Regulars and their chances for success by keeping the opposition off balance by reducing predictability.

The soldiers in the line companies added helicopters to their tool kit by participating in Air Ground Integration (AGI) training. They trained in how to work with the aircraft in support, and then immediately put this new training to use on the battlefield.

Alpha Company also had success with the helicopters, using them to watch over their traffic control points (TCP). Sometimes Iraqis will avoid or run from a TCP. The helicopters are able to see the cars as they break from line and try to make a run for it. They then alert the Alpha Company soldiers who can then interdict the car. In addition to their missions with the aircraft Alpha has also been busy with the continuing mission of helping to guard the Pay Site where our forces are distributing pensions to former Iraqi soldiers. At times these former soldiers can get rather impatient and unruly, but the Attack Company still maintains the professionalism needed to keep order and protect those handing out the cash.

Bravo Company's mission with the air assets was a little more involved than their brothers in the other line units. They were attached to Charlie Company 2-6 Infantry along with units from across the Brigade as well as the 4-2 Air Cavalry. Covered by low flying Kiowa Helicopters, dismounted squads led by SGT Michael Callan and SGT Alvin Beaumont quickly cleared the buildings in their search area. A thorough search revealed 2 AK-47s, one shotgun, and one pistol. All of the temporary detainees were treated respectfully and the children seemed particularly excited about their visitors. The Platoon Medic, SPC Seneca Ratledge, even had a chance to do some PR work with the locals by taking care of some children outside of one of the searched residences. He said, "This is the part of the job that I really love". At the end of the day Bravo's contribution allowed Charlie 2-6 and the rest of the





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units involved in the mission to capture a Fedayeen Colonel. Good job Swamp Rats.

Charlie Company's 2nd and 3rd Platoons both utilized the OH-58 helicopters to help with observation of traffic control points. The aircraft were able to help warn if cars were trying to avoid the checks. 1st and 2nd Platoons worked together on a cordon and search. As 2nd Platoon searched an area for suspects, 1st platoon provided blocking security and coordinated with the helicopters to make sure no one escaped. Even though none of these missions captured any suspects or weapons they continued to discourage would be criminals by their presence and vigilance.

Even with all the requirements for security, maintenance and daily operations, our soldiers do occasionally get a moment to relax. On Friday night, 3 October, HHC sponsored a talent show and contest for the battalion. SSG Eric Gibbs of the Scouts and SGT Mark St Anne of Supply shared MC duties. The top honors were as follows: 3rd place, CPT Dunn of the Mortar Platoon who sang and played an original song, "Punk at 15," on the guitar. 2nd place, SPC Douglas Henderson of the Scouts, also sang and played music from Dave Mathews and an original work as well. And, 1st Place, SPC Ramsey from Bravo Company gave a motivational speech. SSG Privott received an honorable mention for his original poem titled "Another Log Pac."



SPC Alfonso Barboa (left) and SGT Lee Gregoire (totally obscured) 3/A/1-6 IN pose with Iraqi children outside the Kurdistan Democratic Solution Party office.

Whether it is learning how to integrate aircraft in their missions, or guarding those who help pay former soldiers, the Regulars are on point for our nation. Not often enough, we pause in our busy schedules to take a breather. If it were more often,

we would be tempted to think our job was finished, and that would make the separation even harder. Till we can be reunited, we are **"Regulars...By God!"**

1/6 Events:

- Haunted House 24, 30, 31 Oct from 18:00-20:00 in the 1/6 Conference Room
- Pizza and Piñata Party 31 Oct from 16:00-17:30 in the 1/6 Conference Room
- Dessert Night 27 Nov 18:00-19:00 in Conference Room

THUNDER

"Marhaban" to all the Thunder Battalion family members. I hope the European heat wave has finally passed, as the hot weather in Iraq is finally reached its peak and cool weather is on its way. The Thunder Aid Station's Staff would like to thank you for all your support in regards to preventive medicine for our soldiers because we have had a definite decrease in dehydration, heat cramps, and acute gastroenteritis. In general, your loved ones are very healthy and safe.



LT Acevedo takes the time to care for an Iraqi child.

The constant reminder of personal hygiene and preventive medicine measures decreases all non-battle injury diseases. On the other hand, let me remind you all that your health is very important to your loved ones that are deployed. Remember routine scheduled visits to the Baumholder Health and Dental Clinics. Remember, the Fall Season brings an increase in child illnesses to include ear, throat, and upper airway infections. Although not all these infections will require antibiotics, prompt medical care is essential to ensure rapid recovery.

In addition, the Baumholder Dental Clinic is seeing family members for routine visits secondary to





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decreased patient load. This will offer an excellent opportunity for all the family members to have dental care provided by a military facility without having to leave the Baumholder area. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 485-2210/2211.

Have a Healthy Thunder Day!

1LT Richard Acevedo

PIONEERS

Hello from Baghdad. Once again it is my pleasure to report to the families of the 2d Brigade Combat Team that the soldiers of A/47th Forward Support Battalion are doing extremely well out here in Baghdad. We are located on Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) Iraq and work to support the infantrymen, tankers, artillerymen, and engineers in the 2d BCT. My soldiers push the supplies, everything from water to ammunition, to the soldiers located in downtown Baghdad. We often work downtown in order to provide the best support possible to the rest of the BCT.

October brings another month of cooling weather - the highs are around 105ish now and the lows in the high 60s. The living conditions are constantly getting better for everyone. We occupy the old Iraqi Army surface-to-surface missile school - the buildings are old but we have cleaned them up quite a bit. In addition, we have Iraqi contractors working on "re-building" several of the buildings that will give the soldiers air-conditioning, heat, renovated walls, ceilings and floors.

The facilities on BIAP are not that bad and getting better every day. We have the Infamous "KBR" dinning facilities that serve great chow. I understand the rest of the BCT is getting the same treatment on 10 October. We also can go to Burger King and a PX. Thus far we have had some USO tours with some comedy shows to include Drew Carey. The soldiers work incredibly hard, but are given enough time off to take care of themselves.

The biggest complaint down here is phones/internet, leave and redeployment dates. We are working with the phone issue by getting some net-to-phone capability through an internet café in the next few weeks. Leave is tough - not all soldiers will get leave, and that's tough to accept - from both your

side and our side. Redeployment, we are all waiting to hear a date, any date. Right now I think most of the BCT will be home by end of April.

We are proud to be a part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. The soldiers of Baumholder have always had the advantage of living together and working together daily. We are kind of separated from the rest of the 1st Armored Division and that adds to our cohesion as a unit. We, the soldiers of A/47th Forward Support Battalion are honored to serve with the rest of the soldiers of the in the BCT and give them the best possible support.

Assassin 6 KC Bradford

Assassin 7 1SG Willie Shinholster

47th Events:

- FRG Meeting 21 Oct, 1800 hrs @ Wagon Wheel Theater
- Fall Festival for Kids Tentatively Scheduled for Rhinelander Park on 26 Oct

CHAPLAIN CORNER

Whatever you do, do it with all your might. Work at it, early and late, in season and out of season, not leaving a stone unturned, and never deferring for a single hour that which can be done just as well now.

P. T. Barnum

The most successful people in life are those who have a passion for their work. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "*nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.*" It is when we approach our vocation with much energy and enthusiasm that we make the most lasting and positive impact. It does not matter what your calling in life happens to be, rather it is how you give yourself to your place in life that makes the difference.

Everyone has been gifted with a unique personality and individual talents. There is no need to envy or wish to be like someone else. Instead, we should be willing to use what we have to the best of our ability in order to make the greatest impact possible.

A person exemplifying a positive attitude and contagious enthusiasm has the potential to bring out the best in everyone around him. However, you cannot make a real difference unless you believe that





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what you do matters! So, whatever you do, do it with all of your might, with much passion, and with enthusiasm that would prove to be life changing. I **challenge You to be the most enthusiastic person you know.**

Chaplain Mitchel A. Tulloss

BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION

Baumholder Chaplains are preparing care packages for single soldiers and **Need Your Help** to pack the boxes. **18 October from 10:00-14:00 at the HALL of CHAMPIONS**

BSB COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 10 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 13 Columbus Day
- 21 **FALL CLEAN UP** for all housing areas! All trash must be picked up, and grass must be cut.
Awards will be given to the cleanest buildings!
- 25 Mass Casualty Exercise – expect long waits at the gate!
- 26 Daylight Saving Ends, set time back 1 hour
- 26 Town Hall meeting, Rheinlander, 4pm
- 29 LINKS, Rheinlander, 10:00am

DoDDS CALENDAR

- 1st Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
- 3rd Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzel Elementary at 1430
- 11 Oct 1300 High School Football @ Minnick Field
- 31 Oct No School for Students, Teacher work Day
- 1 Nov Super Six High School Football Championships
- 5 Nov 1430 SAC Meeting, Neubruecke Elementary
- 6 & 7 Nov All Elementary will have Parent Teacher Conferences
- 7 Nov Baumholder High School will have Parent Teacher Conferences
- 17 Nov 1515 IAC Meeting, BSB Conference Room
- 18 Nov 1430 SAC Meeting, Smith Elementary
- 27 & 28 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

CYS

Halloween Carnival

25 October, 14:00-18:00 in the

Rheinlander Ballroom for ages 3-10

Volunteers are needed for this event! Contact Cindy Shelley at 485-7003

Baumholder CYS has positions open for Child and Youth Program Assistants. Work with infants through teens! Starting salary is \$8.20 per hour and is based on experience. We offer FREE training and advancement opportunities! If you are interested in applying, please call DSN 485-6566.

Parents Night Out is November 15.

YOUTH EVENTS

18 Oct Middle School Costume Ball at the Underground for 6th – 8th graders, Time: 1900-2300, Cost: \$3

25 Oct High School/Middle School Dance and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Hall of Champions for 6th – 12th graders, Time: 2000-2400. These free events are in support of Red Ribbon Week.

RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- Tuesday night KIDS' NIGHT with movies, board games, and a \$3.50-per-child menu!
- Indoor Garage Sale, 18 Oct, 0900-1600
Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

Internet Access only 9 cents/minute in the Cyber Zone!!

OUTDOOR REC TOURS

- 10-13 Oct Columbus Day Ski Trip to Austria
- 11 Oct Frankfurt Zoo
- 16 Oct IKEA Shopping
- 18 Oct CentrO Mall
- 24-25 Oct Czech Crystal Shopping
- 25 Oct Metz Flea Market

POC: Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182

Staff are recruiting for volunteer trip leaders at Outdoor Recreation. Training and free admission on trips included!

HOST NATION SPONSORED EVENTS

- 3-13 Oct Winefest at Neustadt (parade on 12th)
- 11-12 Oct Environmental exhibition at Kusel
- 11 Oct Team Duathlon at Kusel
- 12 Oct Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn





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12Oct Birkenfeld City Fest
13Oct Glory-Gospel sing Concert at Reichenbach
protestant church, 1900 hrs
17-27Oct October market at Kaiserslautern
18-19Oct Hobby artist exhibition, Brühlhalle
Baumholder
21Oct Wendel's market at St. Wendel
25Oct Flea market at Metz, France
3Nov Market at Kirn
8Nov Flea market at Homburg/Saar
15&29 Nov Flea market at Metz, France
28Nov Christmas market at Oberstein
29Nov Christmas market at Reichenbach
29Nov Christmas market at Berglangenbach
29Nov Andreasmarket at Kirn

St. Martin Parades

09 November 2003: Kirn 1800
10 November 2003: Baumholder 1700;
Berglangenbach 1800;Leitzweiler 1730; Hahnweiler
1815; Hoppstaedten 1730;
11 November 2003: Heimbach 1730; Rueckweiler
1700; Mettweiler 1800; Birkenfeld 1730
POC: *Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600*

BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

Come join us at the October luncheon on the 15th
at 11:30 in the Rheinlander ballroom. There will be a
pumpkin carving contest and 1/6 Infantry will be
decorating! Childcare will be available if you make
reservations by 1 October. Contact Cher Lim at
cher.lim@us.army.mil or BC/189 302.

RSVP is required.

We're still looking for a few good spouses! The
following positions are still open: Treasurer,
Historian, and Tours & Activities Chair. If interested
contact Melissa Schaffner at
melissa.a.schaffner@us.army.mil
or BC/990 969.

BAUMHOLDER SPORTS & FITNESS

We are seeking certified (or willing to become
certified) instructors for the following contractor
positions:
Aerobics
Yoga
Pilates

Marshall Arts

POC: Warren Latham, 485-6575 or David Jefferson,
4857176

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering
aerobic classes on Smith, Neubruecke, and
Strassburg Kasernes. Classes are 12 for \$25, and
all fees must be paid to the instructor. The class
schedule is as follows:

Strassburg Gym MWF 0900

Hall of Champions M-F 1645

Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

YOUTH WINTER SPORTS

Basketball – \$30 for first child, \$27 for second
Cheerleading – \$20 for first child, \$18 for second
Registration ends 5 Dec 03

Minimum 5 years old

Winter sports season: Practice starts in December
Games begin in January

BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

Register for TERM 2 classes with UMUC or CTC!
Remember to bring your financial aid forms!

Visit the Education Center in building 8332

Education Center is open from 0800-1700 HRS.

Financial aid applications are available for the 2003-
2004 school year. For more information, call 485-
7557.

COLLEGE FAIR

The annual Kaiserslautern College Information
Night will be held at the Kaiserslautern American
High School on **Thursday, 23 October, from 6 until
8:30 pm**. Around 70 colleges and universities will be
on hand at this event. Representatives will include
both college staff members and European-based
alumni. There will also be representatives at tables
with information on some scholarship programs and
other vocational interests.

This event is designed for and open to all high
school aged students and their parents. It is an
excellent opportunity to obtain first hand information
on colleges and universities. If you are a parent of a
high school student, please encourage him/her to put
this event on their calendars. Also, please share this
information as might be appropriate so that the event





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may benefit as many students and others who are considering college careers as possible.

CAR CARE

GERMAN AUTOMOBILE GARAGES, AFFES GARAGES, AND POV INSPECTION POINT OFFER A **FREE INSPECTION** DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

POV's are checked for safe tires, lights, wipers, and exhaust system. A sticker will be posted at the windshield, which shows that your car has successfully passed the inspection.

Are you getting ready to PCS or ETS? Do you need to ship your car back to the states? If so, we have the service for you! Baumholder Auto Skills Center PCS Car Cleaning will take care of cleaning your car and preparing it for shipping – one less thing for you to worry about! Just give us a call to set up your appointment! DSN 485-6344

Holiday Mailing Dates

These are the recommended dates to have Christmas cards, letters, and parcels placed in the mail to ensure proper delivery by Christmas Day.

FROM GERMANY TO CONUS

SAM PARCELS 20 November 2003, Thursday

PAL PARCELS 04 December 2003, Thursday

PRIORITY PARCELS 11 December 2003,

Thursday

FIRST CLASS LETTERS AND CARDS 11

December 2003, Thursday

EXPRESS MAIL 18 December 2003, Thursday

FROM GERMANY TO CENTCOM AOR

MPS PARCELS 20 November 2003, Thursday

SAM PARCELS 6 November 2003, Thursday

Mailing Guidance to CENTCOM AOR

While there is no specific limit to number of MPS packages mailed to CENTCOM AOR, patrons should take into consideration time, space availability, and resources to transport the mail. Helpful hints include:

- ❖ Recommend mailing 5 MPS packages per visit to ensure quicker processing of the mail at the finance windows.

- ❖ Appointments can be made at the local APO between the hours of 0800 - 0900 hours for personnel with more than 5 packages.
- ❖ Smaller parcels generally move quicker due to space availability as opposed to larger parcels, which has more space requirements.

Keep the mailing deadlines in mind when sending packages. Earlier is better.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR SPOUSES

If your spouse is currently deployed, but has received orders to relocate, then don't delay planning and organizing your move! You can take care of many move-related tasks before your spouse returns to Baumholder. The more you get done now, the less stressful your move will be. And, as an added bonus, you will have more quality time to spend together when the soldier returns from the deployment.

The Baumholder ACS invites all spouses to schedule individualized relocation planning consultations. Whether the service member is currently deployed or in Baumholder, spouses can obtain the same quality assistance as the service member. We will provide you with a comprehensive packet about your new location, as well as information to help you organize a smooth move. Relocation assistance is available whether the move is a PCS move or the service member is retiring or separating from the Army.

Please call ACS at 485-8188 or 06783-68188 for information and to schedule an appointment.

RE-INTEGRATION AFTER DEPLOYMENT

ACS is offering a class on Wednesdays that focuses on issues after the deployment. Free child care is available, and lunch is provided. Please call 485-8188 or 06783-68188 to reserve your seat!

